

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2014

The Rush County Council met to conduct the budget hearing on September 10 & 11, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 27th public hearing for the Rush County and Solid Waste budgets & regular meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Marvin Hedrick.

JUDGE NORTHAM

Circuit Court Judge David Northam requested permission to replace deputy probation officer, Catherine Custer who is leaving the position. Marvin Hedrick moved to allow the hiring of a replacement. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC

Rush County Economic Director, John McCane urged the council to maintain their \$65,000 contribution to the ECDC. With the help of those funds the North Industrial Park is near completion, 80% funding of Cherry Street has been attained, and downtown housing and wind farms are prospective projects.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton was granted permission to advertise for an additional appropriation for \$120,000.00 in the Highway fund on a motion by Marvin Hedrick and a second by Jerry Kent. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET

Jerry Kent offered a statement that a 3% raise and the proposed salary bonus be considered for 2015.

Each Office Holder and Department Head appeared before the Council to present their proposed 2014 budget. Copies of the units submitting non-binding review budgets were distributed.

SOLID WASTE BUDGET

Carole Yeend director of the Rush County Solid Waste District presented her board approved budget on first reading.

The first reading of the county budget was completed at 3:05p.m. Jerry Kent moved to recess until 8:00a.m. September 11th. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Council President Gerald Mohr reconvened the 2015 Budget Hearing with all present.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested an additional appropriation of \$80,000.00 in Cum Bridge Fund. Jerry Kent moved to approve the appropriation. Warren Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REDUCTION BY APPROPRIATION

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented an ordinance to reduce appropriations in the 2014 Budget by \$236,100. Beard commended the offices that allowed the reductions in order to alleviate budget cuts in 2015. Charlie Smith moved to approve the reduction with Kevin Spilman offering the second. Motion carried.

2015 CALENDAR

The 2015 calendar was presented for adoption. A change has been made in the time and location of the council meeting. Beginning 2015 the County Council will meet at 9:00a.m. in the Assembly/Commissioners Room of the Rush County Courthouse. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the calendar with the changes and Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR

Mayor Mike Pavey explained the request of \$44,000 for the county's share of the Animal Shelter and stated that the shelter is in need of a major renovation. He thanked the county for their pledged contribution of \$6,802 to the EIDD. Marvin Hedrick questioned why the city has zoning and planning in the 2015 budget. Mayor Pavey explained that they are not ready to hire but they are ready to put that function into place if needed.

NON-BINDING REVIEWS

The Council approved all Budgets, Levies, and Tax Rates with the recommendation that all units remain within the allowed Growth Quotient as follows:

- Anderson Township-Motion by Marvin Hedrick. Second by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.
- Carthage Civil-Motion by Jerry Kent. Second by Charles Smith. Motion carried.
- Center Township-Motion by Warren Norris. Second by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.
- Glenwood-Motion by Charles Smith. Second by Jerry Kent. Marvin Hedrick abstained.
- Henley Library-Motion by Jerry Kent. Second by Warren Norris. Motion carried.
- Jackson Township-Motion by Kevin Spilman. Second by Charles Smith. Motion carried.
- Noble Township-Motion by Charles Smith. Second by Marvin Hedrick. Motion carried.
- Orange Township-Motion by Warren Norris. Second by Jerry Kent. Motion carried.
- Posey Township-Motion by Marvin Hedrick. Second by Janet Kile. Motion carried.
- Richland Township-Motion by Jerry Kent. Second by Warren Norris. Motion carried.
- Ripley Township-Motion by Kevin Spilman. Second by Charles Smith. Motion carried.

- Rush County Schools-Motion by Jerry Kent. Second by Marvin Hedrick. Janet Kile and Charles Smith abstained.
- Rushville City-Motion by Charles Smith. Second by Jerry Kent. Motion carried. Kevin Spilman abstained.
- Rushville Public Library-Motion by Kevin Spilman. Second by Warren Norris. Motion carried.
- Rushville Township-Motion by Jerry Kent. Second by Charles Smith. Motion carried.
- Union Township-Marvin Hedrick. Warren Norris. Motion carried.
- Walker Township-Motion by Jerry Kent. Second by Charles Smith. Motion carried.
- Washington Township-Motion by Charles Smith. Second by Jerry Kent. Motion carried.

SECOND READING

The Council proceeded with the second reading of the County Budget with the following changes:

- Public Defender reduced by \$8,000. Pauper attorney reduced in Supplement Public Defender moved to General Fund.
- Adult Probation Users increased social security to \$4810 to cover proposed salary.
- Coroner reduced deputy coverage by \$1,000 and equipment by \$500. Allowed a 10.5% salary increase to \$10,010 on a motion by Janet Kile and a second by Charles Smith. Motion carried.
- Surveyor moved \$800 from supplies to capital outlays and reduced map reconstruction by \$1,000.
- Area Plan removed the salary for Executive Director and Secretary. Moved \$4,000 from Plan Consultant to Director's salary until positions are realigned in 2015 on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Marvin Hedrick. Motion carried. Removed trash removal in the amount of \$1,000.
- EMA allow the director elected officials salary at \$38,766, an increase of \$10,348.
- Reassessment reduced maintenance contract by \$5,000.
- Commissioners allowed Commissioner Chairman an increase of \$1,000 in salary. Moved \$1,000 from 211 phone service to cover the change.
- Cum Cap allowed a 3% salary increase for the IT technician and the GIS administrator plus an additional \$3,000 for the GIS administrator on a motion by Jerry Kent and a second by Charles Smith. Motion carried. Health Insurance costs will be moved to the CAGIT fund with an additional appropriation in January 2015.
- EDIT Fund-Jerry Kent made a motion to reduce RMH ambulance to \$250,000 based on their reduced runs. There was no second to the motion. Marvin Hedrick moved to reduce the budget to \$335,000. Warren Norris offered the second. Motion carried. Jerry Kent voted no. Reduced Redevelopment Commission by \$7,000 and moved to fund the EIDD.
- CAGIT-a study on a bonus based on years of service was presented by the committee who composed the plan. After review Janet Kile moved that the bonus not be allowed.

Charles Smith seconded the motion. The motion failed. Jerry Kent made a motion to allow the bonus. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Sheriff's budget was approved with a new deputy, \$50,000 in courthouse security and an addition of \$10,000 to allow for an additional vehicle.
- Jail budget was reduced \$20,000 in part time and \$2,678 in dispatcher salary. A new contract employee was allowed.
- Health was reduced by \$4,000 in travel.
- Auditor a \$1,000 salary increase was allowed for the Auditor and the Auditor's Assistant.

RUSH COUNTY BUDGET 2015

A motion to allow a 3% salary increase with the exceptions mentioned above and approval of the salary bonus for uninterrupted service with the exception of Mary Ann Bridges and Sheri Blackford was offered by Charles Smith. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jerry Kent moved to set the part time salary at \$11 per hour. Charles Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kevin Spilman moved to approve the Rush County Budget for 2015. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 SOLID WASTE BUDGET

After the second reading, Jerry Kent moved to approve the Solid Waste budget with a 3% salary increase. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Warren Norris. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent